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Title : CONNECTOR FOR CONNECTING A FIBRE FEEDING DUCT

: TO AT LEAST ONE TEXTILE MACHINE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The USPTO has waived the requirements under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(I) to submit copies of U.S. patent and U.S. patent applications, publications when citing and submitting an Information Disclosure Statement in a patent application filed after June 30, 2003, and International Application that have entered the National Stage under 37 USC 371 after June 30, 2003. Accordingly, copies of these types of documents are not being supplied in connection with this application. Reference is being made to PRE-OG Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Admin dated July 25, 2003, stating an Information Disclosure Statements may be filed without copies of U.S. patents and published applications for patent applications filed after June 30, 2003.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed within one of the following time periods: before the mailing date of any of a final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance or an action that otherwise closes the prosecution in this application.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO-1449. The references contained in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached European Search Report dated <u>August 13, 2003</u>, in counterpart European Application No. EP03425193.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as "prior art" against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

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Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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